

Provisional Recommendations

Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

Voted to approve the following recommendations - October 2005

Provisional Recommendations for **Hepatitis B Vaccination of Adults:**

- Hepatitis B vaccination is recommended for all unvaccinated adults at risk for hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection and for all adults seeking protection from HBV infection. Acknowledgment of a specific risk factor is not a requirement for vaccination.
- In settings where a high proportion of adults are likely to have risk factors for HBV infection all unvaccinated adults should be assumed to be at risk and should receive hepatitis B vaccination. These settings include sexually transmitted disease treatment facilities, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) testing facilities, HIV treatment facilities, Facilities providing drug abuse treatment and prevention, correctional facilities, health care settings serving men who have sex with men, chronic hemodialysis facilities and end-stage renal disease programs, and institutions and nonresidential daycare facilities for developmentally disabled persons.
- Standing orders should be implemented to identify and vaccinate eligible adults in primary care and specialty medical settings. If ascertainment of risk for HBV infection is a barrier to vaccination in these settings, providers may use alternative vaccination strategies such as offering hepatitis B vaccine to all unvaccinated adults in age groups with highest risk for infection (e.g., <45 years).